



MG 721 – Christopher Kent fonds

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Dates: 1960-2009 (inclusive); 1970-2009 (predominant)

Extent: 2.05 m of textual material; 6 colour photographs; 2 floppy discs.

Biographical note: Christopher Kent was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He earned a B.A. (1963) and a M.A. (1964) from the University of Toronto, and a D.Phil. from University of Sussex (1969). He started his teaching career at the University of Prince Edward Island where he taught for two years before moving to the University of Saskatchewan where he taught from 1970 until his retirement. During his time at the University of Saskatchewan he served as the Head of the Department of History (1987-90); editor of the Canadian Journal of History (1977-83, 1992-93, 1995-98, 2011-2012, and co-editor 2000-2003); member of the advisory board for Victorian Studies, Victorian Periodicals Review, and Rethinking History: The Journal of Theory and Practice; president of Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada (VSAWC) 1986-88, as well as director and vice-president (1999-2001) of the Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP). He retired in 2009 and was granted emeritus status.

Scope and content: This fonds contains materials relating to the career of Christopher Kent, professor and head of the history department at the University of Saskatchewan. This fonds documents his time as a professor teaching various history classes, his work in supervising masters and phd students in their thesis writing, his work with the Research Society for Victorian Periodicals and the Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada, as well as his time as head of the history department including his work with the Canadian Journal of History. Also included are some materials from his undergrad studies at the University of Toronto – mainly syllabus and other handouts, with some notes and essays when they related to his later research areas. As per his faculty bio his “research areas are “Bohemia” in Britain 1815-1914 – that is the social history of the artistic and literary professions and their relationship to the idea of Bohemia as a social and cultural, as well as actual physical space (particularly in London). Other continuing and related research interests are Victorian journalism and journalists, and Victorian novels and novelists.”

Arrangement: Material was left in the five series’ in which the material arrived. Files within each series were arranged by the archivist in most cases to improve findability and to bring related folders together. The series are:

- I. MA/PHD Students
- II. Course Outlines/Lectures notes
- III. U of T Notes
- IV. RSVP/VSAWC
- V. Department of History General Files MA & Grad Studies/ Academic Files, Pubs etc
 - A. History Department
 - B. Publications/Reference materials
 - C. CJH
 - D. Committees/Conferences

- E. MA and Grad Studies
- F. Personal

Folder names have been retained from original folder. When a folder was labeled using extensive abbreviations the archivist has expanded the word to improve readability. Most original folders were retained because they contain extensive notes and doodles. When a folder was unlabeled or items were loose a title was assigned by the archivist in [brackets].

Restrictions: Files marked as **RESTRICTED** require vetting by the archivist prior to release. All restrictions are applied as per privacy legislation. Copyright restrictions also apply.

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Guide by Amy Putnam, December 2022.

I. MA/PHD Students – Closed.

Student files contain correspondence, thesis proposals, applications, and other documents relating to the writing and defending of a thesis at the University of Saskatchewan. Arranged alphabetically. Access will be investigated on a case by case basis.

1. Grad Student Committees. – 1993-1999. - **RESTRICTED**
Memos, correspondence, progress reports, thesis proposals. David Olivier, Craig Charabin, Candice Dahl, Merle Massie, Shawn Grimes, David Bennet.
2. PhDs. – 1984-2001. - **RESTRICTED**
Reference letters, exams, memos, general documents on the History Department's graduate program, reading lists, final exams for HIST 255. Documents regarding the theses of Michael Cottrell, Alicia St. Leger.
3. Jay Albrecht. – 2000-2009. - **RESTRICTED**
4. Rob Angove. – 2003-2006. - **RESTRICTED**
5. [Marc] Baldwin. – 1994-1998. - **RESTRICTED**
6. Bevan, Allan – MA. – 1998-2005. - **RESTRICTED**
7. [Norma] Buydens. – 1994-2008. - **RESTRICTED**
8. Cottrell, Caroline. – 1995-1998. - **RESTRICTED**
9. Neville Crichlow. – 1988-1993. - **RESTRICTED**
10. Ian Dyck. – 1979-2007. – 1 col. photograph. - **RESTRICTED Open 2032**
11. Gorrie. – 1987-1992. - **RESTRICTED**

12. Sylvi Johansen. – 1989-2000. - **RESTRICTED**
13. Lucas, Nanci. – 1996-1999. - **RESTRICTED**
14. Mills, Glenn. – 1988-1993. - **RESTRICTED**
15. K. Sutherland –Huard. – 1989-1998. - **RESTRICTED**

16. Tracey Tremaine. – 1998-2003. - 1 floppy disk. - **RESTRICTED**

17. Weber, Gary. – 1989-1998. - **RESTRICTED**

II. **Course outlines/Lecture Notes**

Often utilizes folders within folders, which has been retained in most cases. A note had been made when folders have been separated. Arranged by archivist by class number.

1. OP's 112 Exams. – 1971-1997.

Exams from a variety of classes. 112, 353, 115, 218, 416, 405, 308, 219, 114, 375, 412, 419, 281, 381, 884, 401, 206, 207, 887, 371, 409, 418, 102, 105. Given by a variety of instructors.

2. Past 112. – 1970-1991.

Syllabus. Includes syllabi for HIST 102 and 120.

3. 112 Exams. – 1973-1995.

Includes HIST 102.

4. Thoughts on 112. –1977- 1989.

Notes, minutes (100 level committee), memos. Includes syllabus for HIST 105.

5. 112 Essay Documents. – 1980-1991.

Essay topics, readings. Includes HIST 102. Also "Tim's Crash Guide to the 'Wing Collection'" found inside a folder labeled "112" which tucked around this one. Combined.

6. 112 Handouts Tutorial. – 1982-1986.

Study questions, "The Fumblerules of Grammer", library reserve list, list of slides owned by the department.

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7. HIST 112. – 1991-1992, 1994-1995.

Exams, syllabus, correspondence, department documents about teaching assistants and the University Study Skills Program,

8. [HIST 112.] – nd.

Notebooks labeled HIST 102 (I), HIST 102 (II), HIST 102 (III). Folder had HIST 112 on it.

9. HIST 243. – nd, 2000-2001.

"Modern British History, from 1760 to the Present." Exam, study questions, HIST 255 lecture outline.

10. HIST 243. – nd.
Folder also labeled as TA's 2003-4. Contains handwritten notes, study questions, syllabus for HIST 243. Also contains documents for HIST 255
11. [HIST 243]. – nd.
Syllabus, handwritten notes.
12. HIST 255. – 1970-2008.
Two folders contained within the same folder, all labeled 255. Syllabi, exams, handwritten notes. Also contains material for 243 and a Select Bibliography for 455
13. HIST 346/356. – 1995- 2004. **RESTRICTED.**
Folder containing more folders. Outside folder is 346, inside folders are labeled 356 and 346/356. "Women at Work – England 1780-1920" & "The Modernization of English Woman 1790-1900." Syllabus, study questions, handwritten notes, "The Last of England's Infamous Felon Fleet" pamphlet.
14. HIST 346. – 2003.
Syllabus, exam, photocopied lyrics, H.U.S.A. memo.
15. HIST 356. – 1978-1993.
"The modernization of English Women 1790-1900". Syllabus, exams, documents re: Reserve lists and policies,
16. [HIST 356/357]. – 1978-1994.
357: Feminism and Social Reform in England 1790-1945. Contains a notebook, syllabus, a page from the Daily Mirror, 1989, "Pioneers in Petticoats: The History of Women's Rights", class evaluations.

Box 4

17. HIST 347 – 1977-1985.
Women's Studies Programme, University of Toronto; photocopies of posters, poems, etc; syllabus, study questions, also material for 356 and 357.
18. HIST 347. – 1993-2006.
Feminism and Social Reform in England 1790-1945. Syllabi, exams, notes, etc.
19. HIST 347. – 2004-2008.
Syllabi, exams, notes; Oxford DNG articles on Emmeline Pankhurst, Dame Christabel Harriette Pankhurst, Estelle Sylvia Pankhurst, Adela Constantia Mary Pankhurst Walsh, Dame Millicent Garrett Fawcett, Octavia Hill, Josephine Elizabeth Butler, Angela Georgina Burdett-Coutts, William Coutts, Helen Taylor, Sarah Emily Davis, Anna Wheeler, Elizabeth Sharples Carlile, Joanna Southcott, Caroline Elizabeth Sarah Norton,

(Jenny Julia) Eleanor Marx [Known as Marx-Aveling], Annie Besant, (Martha) Beatrice Webb.

20. HIST 455. – nd.
List of microfilm from the U of S library. Pages from the illustrated London times.
21. HIST 455. – 1964-1993.
Exams, syllabus, study questions, notes.
22. HIST 457. – 1987-1997
Victorian England: Culture and Society. Study questions, syllabus, lists of materials in the USask library.
23. HIST 880. – 1992-2002
Syllabus, exams, study questions, notes, clippings and cartoons. Historiography, Making History, History's History, and Historical Method (480) HIST 398 Approaches to History. One syllabus for 890.
24. HIST 880 – 1995-1996.
Syllabus, cartoons.
25. HIST 880. – nd.
Bibliography.
26. Student Evaluations HIST 880. – 2004.
Sampled.
27. HIST 880. – 1992-2006.
Historiography. Also 890, 480, 398. Two articles about Leung donation to library.
28. HIST 885. – 1991.
Notes, syllabus. This folder was found inside HIST 255/243, and removed.
29. HIST 890. – 1989-2000
Also 880, Syllabus, articles, notes.
30. HIST 881 History in our own times. – 1998-2008
Exams, syllabus, notes. Also 890, and 397: Approaches to History also here.
31. Brit Hist PWC/UPEI. – 1969-1970
History 200, 261, 260, 473. Notes, clippings, exams, tutorials, seminar topics, book lists.
32. [HIST 880]. – 2003-2009

Notes on roman history, medieval history, historiography. Many of the packets are have "880" written on them somewhere, but not all. These were found loose together.

33. [Library reserve lists]. – 1973-1983.
HIST 102, 112

34. [Resources]. – 1986-1996.
Articles, photocopy of "A General Bill for this present yeere, ending the 16 of December 1630".

III. University of Toronto Notes

Files on subjects which relate to Kent's later fields of specialty (Victorian England History). For other subjects only the syllabus and exams were kept as they reflect what was studied in the class. Essays were kept if they were notable in some way, otherwise notes and essays generally discarded. Original order retained.

1. [Loose notebook.] – nd.
Label "200" on the front, British History on the first page of notes.

Box 5

2. Reading List. – 1961-1964.
Graduate examination reading list for HIST 1014 War and Revolution.

3. US History. – 1961-1962.
Reading list and exam paper for History 3e.

4. Canadian Hist. – 1961-1962.
Syllabus, reading lists for History 3d. and 3c6. Kept two essays which were marked by D.G. Creighton (Donald Grant Creighton) who was a noted historian.

5. [US History]. – [1960's]
Types notes, related to US history.

6. [Unlabeled]. – 1963.
Modern History, History 3c: British History Since 1714. Essays, syllabus.

7. [English 4k: Nineteenth Century Thought]. – 1963.
Syllabus, notes, essays.

8. Victorian Essay. – nd.
Handwritten notes.

9. Eclectic Traditionalist. – nd.
Typed essays entitled “Sir Walter Raleigh as Historian: The Eclectic Traditionalist” and “Liberal Leadership 1894-1899”. The Eclectic Traditionalist was found in a folder labeled “19th Century Essay” which was discarded, but the essay was reunited with its folder.
10. Milton & Spenser. – 1962.
Exam paper
11. Romantic Literature. – 1963.
Exam paper
12. Renaissance History. – nd.
History 4s The Italian Renaissance, reading list, exams.
13. Victorian England. – nd.
Notebook filled with handwritten notes. “Brit Hist” in the subject field on the cover.
14. English History. – 1962.
15. Enlightenment. – nd.
Age of Enlightenment History 4t. Reading list, exams, schedule of work.
16. Art and Archeology – Classical. – 1963.
Exams, bibliographies, for Fine Art 4a and Art and Archeology 2d, 3d.
17. British History. – 1960.
History 2d exams, notes, essays.
18. Drama. – 1962.
English 3k The Development of Drama to 1642. Booklist, exams.
19. Restoration & XVIII. – 1961
Exam.
20. French. – 1961
French 2e 17th Century French Literature. Reading list, exams. One exam had notes tucked inside, so they were kept. Also book retrieval slips.
21. American Literature. – 1960.
English 1i American and Canadian Literature exam.
22. Anthropology. – 1960.
Anthropology 1b. Exams.

23. French Composition. – 1960.
French 1c Composition and Sight exams and tests.
24. Philosophy. – 1960.
1d exams, logic exercises.
25. French Authors. – 1960.
1c exams.
26. English Chaucer. – 1960.
English 1h – Chaucer. Exam, library retrieval slips.

IV. Research Society of Victorian Periodicals (RSVP) / Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada (VSAWC)

These have been arranged into two subseries two separate out the two societies and then sorted chronologically by the earlier date.

A. Research Society of Victorian Periodicals (RSVP)

1. [RSVP] – 1971-2009.
Conference programs/schedules, list of past conferences, “Constitution and Bylaws of the Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (as amended 22 July 1998”, “Origin and History of Victorian Periodicals Review 1954-1984”, Found loose with VSAWC 2002-2004.
2. RSVP NYC 20x78 SpirPower and TempPower. – 1978.
Correspondence regarding 1978 NYC conference and text of “Spiritual Power versus Temporal Power: John Morely as Editor of the Fortnightly Review.”
3. RSVP Nominating Committee 1981. – 1979-2000. **RESTRICTED.**
Correspondence regarding conferences as well as the nominations committee, minutes for the RSVP Business Meetings/Board Meetings, treasury statements, Found in large folder labeled “Victor Periodical/RSVP/VPN”, separated.
4. RSVP Oct 82 NYC. – 1969-1982
Folder title specifies 1982 and New York, but is not limited to that date and conference location. Contains correspondence, conference materials, documentation on first joint meeting between RSVP and VSAWC. Also of note is correspondence inviting Kent to the conference in 1969. Found in large folder labeled “Victor Periodical/RSVP/VPN”, separated.
5. RSVP Toronto '85 NYC '86 Boston '84. – 1981-1987

Victorian Periodicals Review correspondence, minutes, conference materials, Found in large folder labeled "Victor Periodical/RSVP/VPN", separated.

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6. RSVP Chicago. – 1985-1995.
Correspondence, travel documentation, conference material. File also labeled with "Huntington, ON 89 Waco 90 DC 91" and includes documentation of various conferences.
7. RSVP Portland 1996. – 1996.
Travel, conference documentation, photocopies of illustrations from periodicals, Found in large folder labeled "Victor Periodical/RSVP/VPN", separated.
8. RSVP Vancouver. Proposals. -1996-1998. - **RESTRICTED**.
Correspondence, paper proposals, planning documents, minutes of RSVP board.
9. RSVP '98. – 1997-2003. - **RESTRICTED**.
"VSAWC the first Twenty Five Years" by Christopher Kent, "Coming of Age in Western Canada: VSAWC 1972-1988", Victorian Periodicals Review address list, RSVP conference materials, list of conference attendees/invitees. Found in large folder labeled "Victor Periodical/RSVP/VPN", separated.
10. RSVP NYC 2001. – 2000-2003.
Correspondence, travel documents.
11. RSVP Vancouver. – 1998-2001.
Correspondence re: website, tax free status, conference planning; conference materials, VSAWC 2001 had been tucked in here but removed.
12. RSVP V.P. – 1999-2002. - **RESTRICTED**
Correspondence regarding conference organization.
13. RSVP Ann Arbor 2002. – 2001-2002.
Travel documentation, correspondence, conference documents.
14. RSVP 2002. – 2000-2003. – **RESTRICTED**
Abstract submissions, correspondence, RSVP directory of members 2001-2002, financial reports, agenda, minutes.
15. [Ebsco]. – 2000-2003.
Documents about EBSCO and correspondence discussing whether to utilize their services for the Victorian Periodical Review.

16. RSVP Edmonton 2003. – 2001-2004. – 1 floppy disc. - **RESTRICTED**
Correspondence, conference materials, documents re: RSVP/VSAWC joint conference, RSVP Constitution and Bylaws, handwritten notes, abstract submissions, floppy disc labeled “RSVP-VSAWC Prog Edmonton”.2005
17. [RSVP 2005]. – 2004-2005.
Financial reports, correspondence, minutes. Found loose along with [Laurel Brake] folder, and [VSAWC AGM 2003] folder.
18. [RSVP]. - 2006-2009.
Correspondence, pamphlets regarding Colby Prize Nomination, VPR/JStor, RSVP update (2009), RSVP: Time and the Victorian Press (2007), Annual Business meeting minutes 2006.

Box 7

19. [40th Annual RSVP Conference]. – 2008.
RSVP bibliographers report, 40th annual RSVP conference info, inside a Roehampton folder (location of conference).
20. [Laurel Brake] – 2004-2005.
Research project application materials for Nineteenth-century Serials Edition Project. Found loose along with RSVP 2005, and VSAWC AGM 2003.

B. Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada (VSAWC)

1. [List of names]. – nd
Handwritten list of names by date/location. VSAWC conferences? Dates and locations do not match RSVP.
2. [Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada Annual Conference]. – 1972-2006.
Program, schedules, speaker lists, etc.
3. VSWAC Pres. – 1972-1988. - **RESTRICTED**
Correspondence, “VSAWC 1972-1988” (a history), conference materials, abstracts.
4. VSWAC Saskatoon 1975. – 1985-1987.
Correspondence, research grant documents, transparencies and images for making posters. Folder was labeled “1975” though all the documents inside are dated for a 1985 conference in Saskatoon.
5. VSAWC. – 1989-1992.
Conference materials, correspondence.

6. VSWAC Regina. – 1989
Presidents report, minutes, treasurer's reports, agenda, poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins, correspondence, paper proposals.
7. Calgary VSWAC. – 1983-1988
Conference materials, correspondence, pamphlets, "Victorian Book Cover Artists and their Work", minutes,
8. Victorian Review. – 1989-1993. – 4 col. photographs.
Correspondence about the Victorian Review, published by VSAWC
9. [VSAWC]. – 1992-1995.
VSAWC correspondence, minutes; Victorian Review correspondence.
10. VSAWC 25, 3-5 Oct '96 Edmonton. – 1996-1997.
Correspondence, "VSWAC First 25 Years" speech, list of past conferences, conference material, "VSAWC A Backward Look", "Coming of Age in Western Canada: VSAWC 1972-1988", agenda, minutes,
11. VSAWC 98. – 1997-2000.
Agendas, minutes, conference material, photocopies of book chapters, handwritten notes, travel documents.
12. Lethbridge VSAWC 2000. – 1999-2000.
Travel documents, conference materials, agendas, minutes.
13. VSAWC 2001. – 2000-2001.
Notes, agenda, correspondence, conference materials. This folder had been tucked in folder "RSVP Vanc. – 1998-2001" but it was removed.
14. [VSAWC] – 2002-2004.
Agendas, minutes, Found loose with RSVP 2006-09. Also VSWAC AGM 2003 which was found loose along with RSVP 2005 material, and Laurel Brake material.

V. Department of History General Files

A. History Department General

1. [Programs and Classes booklets.] – 1995-2009.
Also Faculty Directory (1998-99)
2. History Department University of Saskatchewan – Handbook for Faculty. – 1993.
Also a historical timeline of the department from 1907-2008.

3. Department of History Self Study Document. – 1994.

Box 8

4. Department of History Handbook. – nd, 2000.
Tucked inside the front cover was an envelope containing a prize package for a Jazz Festival night out.
5. Department Review. – 1973-1993.
Reports, survey results and other statistics, student comments,
6. [Department of History staff lists.] – 2006-2007. - **RESTRICTED.**
7. [Miscellaneous]. – 1997-2008. - **RESTRICTED.**
Correspondence, A Brief Handbook for Teaching Assistants in the Department of History, staff list. Folder was unlabeled.
8. Hayden. – 2007. - **RESTRICTED.**
Correspondence regarding legal troubles caused by publication of an essay by Michael Hayden. Includes the amended essay.

B. Reference/Publications

1. Early English Newspapers Title Index. – 2000.
2. U of A British Periodicals Index. – 2005.
British Periodicals, 1837-1900, in the University of Alberta Library, Compiled by J.G. Flynn
3. Microfilm UK Per. – 2003.
British Periodicals in U of Sask Library Related to Women's Interests: 1850-1940
4. [Miscellaneous]. – 1997, 2000.
"Ruins of Marx and the University in Ruins" by Len Findlay; *NowThen* no 8; Cannington Manor History Park.

C. Canadian Journal of History (CJH)

1. CJH. – 1988-1995.
Correspondence, style sheet, documents about taking journals electronic, conference material, pamphlets for other journals, CanCopy, Canadian Association for Learned Journals, newsletters, accounts/finances, minutes, agendas.

2. CJH. – 1999.
Promotions drive, brochure, agenda, meeting notes.
3. Ottawa ASPP Nov 2001. – 2001
Aid to Scholarly Publications Program.

D. Committees/Conferences

1. CHA Chairs. – 1986-1990.
Canadian Historical Association material. Correspondence, agendas, statistics.
2. AHA Jan 2002. – 2001-2002.
Documents relating to a talk Kent gave at a brown bag lunch for the American History Association. Correspondence, schedules, meeting documents.
3. [The future of the Past Conference]. – 2002
Conference held at the University of Western Ontario. Correspondence, travel documents, etc.
4. Rethinking History. – 1997-2002. - **RESTRICTED.**
Correspondence, notes, Bora Laskin National Fellowship in Human Rights Research.

E. Masters and Grad Studies Files

Similar to Series I these files are restricted and access may only be granted on a case by case basis. Though very similar in nature to series I they have been left in the series in which they were found.

1. Student Recommendations and Correspondence. – 1972-2002. - **RESTRICTED.**
2. MA's. – 1985-2002. - **RESTRICTED.**
Correspondence, thesis proposals,
3. MA Committees '99-. – 1999-2000. - **RESTRICTED**
Documents related to the Daniela Roschinki's thesis.
4. Liu, Jun. – 1992-1996. - 1 col. photo. - **RESTRICTED**
5. PHD – Olivier. – 2000-2001. - **RESTRICTED**
6. Piechura/Donner/Hatton. – 1987-2004 – **RESTRICTED**

Reference letters.

7. Sutherland, Duncan. – 1993-2000. - **RESTRICTED**

F. Personal

This subseries contains materials not directly relating to any of his classes or committee work, and more to his work generally as an academic, or material of a more personal nature.

1. SSHRC 2003. – 1993.
Social Science and Humanities Research Council grant application.
 2. SABB 01. – 2000-2001
Documents relating to sabbatical in London – travel, correspondence, grant applications, etc.
 3. Yale. – 1998.
Yale Centre for British Art Fellowship. Moved from the VSAWC/RSVP series.
 4. Cruise '97. – 1997
Documents related to an University of Saskatchewan Alumni Travel Program trip to Scandinavia/Russia.
 5. Misc. Academic Correspondence. – 1998-2000. - **RESTRICTED**
 6. [Cards]. – nd, 1990-2007.
Membership cards, business cards, ticket stubs, etc.
- Box 10**
7. Circulars, Odd Correspondence, Etc. – 1968-2000.
 8. [Miscellaneous]. – 1998-2006.
Postcards, pamphlets, clippings.
 9. [to-do list]. – 2008.
Coloured cards and sticky notes alligator clipped together, labeled “TTD” at the top.
Things to Do?
 10. Stationery (O.P). – nd.
Blank stationery. Canadian Journal of History, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, USask, Canadian Association of Slavists, various hotels.
Duplicates discarded.